

Notes from Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council (GBNLC)  
Meeting  
June 6, 2013

Mayor's Report:

There are over 130 events occurring in the City this summer and participation is encouraged. The city web site has information on all of this from pools to concerts to special events.

On June 15<sup>th</sup> Pearl Street will be renamed Donald Driver Way. The statue which is at Titledown Brewery is being repainted to more closely resemble Donald Driver.

Representatives from the GBNLC attended a national conference in Minneapolis called "Neighborhoods USA". The GBNLC won a second place award for Best Neighborhoods. First place was won by a Texas community. Representatives, both city staff and neighborhood association presidents, attended a variety of sessions to learn how to make neighborhoods stronger. One of the sessions was on how to make neighborhoods more of a community and discussed seven topics:

- Are they healthy, active, are there walking paths? Do people get out and walk the neighborhood?
- Are there educational opportunities not only for the traditional school age population but also for the adult group? Are there opportunities to educate around special events, neighborhood gatherings, and outreach efforts?
- Is there concern about safety and organized efforts around deterring crime?
- Are there jobs in the area and business owners and businesses?

- Do people take responsibility for the environment including recycling and clean up efforts?
- Is there a food movement to take care of the less fortunate?
- Are there efforts to care for each other?

Some sessions were on how to bring neighborhoods together. These included ice cream socials; dinner on the bridge where a bridge is closed and a formal dinner is served outside on the bridge; and a cow parade where cows are paraded down main street dressed on costumes. Anything to get people together!!

#### Open Street Event:

A new event will take place in Green Bay on July 28<sup>th</sup>. This will involve closing Oneida Street from the Resch Center (starting point) to Dousman and then east on Dousman to Donald Driver Way (end point). No motorized transportation will be allowed on this course from 10am to 2pm. Barricades will be set up at intersections. This is to encourage walking in the area, biking, jogging, skating, etc. The whole corridor will be closed off and people will be able to traverse the street unconcerned about vehicle traffic. Families are encouraged to participate as a group. Over 100 communities across the country have such an event.

#### Department of Public Works:

This will be a usual busy summer. Reconstruction projects include Fisk Street, Howard Street, and areas around the stadium district. Bart Starr Drive will be extended south to Potts Ave.

Most of the work in the city limits for the 41–141 project is completed. The Village of Howard will still be involved for quite some time.

There are 19 residential streets getting new sewers.

McCauliff Park is getting a storm water management project.

Perkins Park is getting a new parking lot.

The Sea Dragon ride and water fall are being worked on. This is part of the 10 year plan to expand Bay Beach. Most of the expansion will occur to the west.

The city yard waste sites are for residential use only and signs have been recently posted to warn contractors that they are not to be dumping in these sites. These sites operate under a DNR permit restricting the amount of material that can be stored and processed and potential volumes provided by contractors have the city risk violating those permits.

On July 1, 2013, recycling will change in the city to the automated process with the large carts. One of the primary drivers for the change is cost containment associated with workers comp claims. There are over 40,000 stops made per week and the repetitive motion injuries such as a rotator cuff costs upwards of \$65,000 per occurrence.

The next step will be automated garbage collection in the same fashion. Everyone will receive a single 96 gallon cart. There will be some color difference between the recycling cart and the garbage cart. It may be the entire cart or just the lid. The rules will change—if it doesn't fit in the cart, the city will not pick it up. Anything outside of the bin requiring a special trip will have the homeowner incur a service charge. Overflow weeks will be arranged from time to time such as twice a year. There will be a special charge for

construction materials. The schedules will not change. The city will monitor contamination of recycles with garbage and will be able to pinpoint the neighborhoods.

#### Staff Update:

There are three major planning efforts being worked on: University Avenue, Downtown, and East Mason Street. The Downtown plan has not been updated in 16 years. University Ave is especially critical with the pending opening of the veterans' clinic. There are/will be public meetings for all three with University Ave already in progress. The city web site has details.

#### Crime Prevention:

Contractor/construction related crime is back in the area. One recent example was an issue with a black top dresser. He had approached someone in the neighborhood with the line that he had just finished his neighbor's driveway and had some left over material that he would give the homeowner a real deal on. In the end the mixture was diluted with kerosene and never did dry and the whole driveway became a black mucky mess. The homeowner had to replace the driveway as a result.

Burglary crime is up and the compounding factor is that when property is recovered, that it many times cannot be identified as there are no markings on it. One solution in the making is "micro dots" which would be small dots on the item that when read by a scanner would identify the owner.

Crime Prevention Foundation of Brown County is soliciting crime prevention ideas to support. They also accept donations to increase the foundation balance to create more earnings to support more projects.

#### Other:

National Night Out has a number of sponsoring neighborhoods. Nicolet is partnering with Schmitt park and 5 others for an over the top event. This collaboration of 7 associations has previously won national awards for this event!

Additional activity in the neighborhoods includes a neighborhood rummage sale—Oak Grove—where 44 residences are participating in an event. There are a number of annual meetings occurring during the summer and fun fests, and movie nights, bake sales, and neighborhood barbecues.

NO GBNLC meeting in July.